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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

RESOLUTION

New Delhi the 18th July, 1949

No F.1 65/49 Est(1).—In order to increase food production in the country, a Special Emergency Branch under the control of a Commissioner of Food Production should be set up in the Ministry of Agriculture.

2 This Special Emergency Branch will take over the functions of the present sections of the Ministry of Agriculture which are concerned with increase in food production. It will administer the expert and other staff attached to those sections.

3 The Commissioner of Food Production will deal directly with the Minister of Agriculture.

4 For implementing the Ministry's programme of increasing food production, the Commissioner will have the special powers to take final decisions in consultation with the Financial Adviser attached to the Ministry of Agriculture, and where necessary with other Ministries of the Government of India.

5 The powers and functions of the Food Production Commissioner will be—

- (a) to initiate all measures necessary for co-ordinating and revising the food plans of Provinces and States from time to time in the light of actual achievement;
- (b) to sanction grants and loans for food production schemes put up by Provinces and States;
- (c) to make available to Provinces and States all controlled materials and other resources of production;
- (d) to secure the necessary priority of movement of materials for timely implementation of Provincial and State plans;
- (e) and generally to take all necessary steps for increasing food production with a view to stop import of foodgrains by the end of 1951 more especially to take steps to ensure the active co-operation of the producers of food in this programme.

6. The Commissioner of Food Production will have a block grant placed at his disposal for giving subsidy to the Provinces and States for approved schemes of production.

7. The Commissioner of Food Production will have full control over the staff working under him.

8. The Commissioner of Food Production will deal directly with similar Executive set-up in the Provinces and States for carrying out the programme of increased food production. He may also, whenever necessary, address the Provincial and State Governments direct.

9. The Commissioner of Food Production will be assisted by a Food Production Board composed as under:—

Commissioner of Food Production (Chairman),

Director of Intensive Cultivation,

Director of Land Reclamation,

Director of Irrigation,

A representative of the Ministry of Transport,

A representative of the Ministry of Industry and Supply,

Economic and Statistical Adviser to the Ministry of Agriculture,

Financial Adviser attached to the Ministry of Agriculture; and

Secretary to the Board.

The Board may invite to the Board meetings, whenever necessary, experts such as Directors of Agriculture, of Fisheries and Heads of Institutes or Organisations concerned with matters relating to Food Production.

10. The Board will meet as often as necessary and at least once a week.

ORDERED that a copy of the Resolution be communicated to all Provincial Governments, Local Administrations, State Unions, States, All Ministries and Departments of the Government of India, Cabinet Secretariat, Prime Minister's Secretariat, Indian Trade Commissioners, All Indian Embassies, High Commissioner for India in London, Director of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Calcutta, High Commissioner for India in Pakistan.

Ordered also that it be published in the *Gazette of India*

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